United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

ENTERED
October 12, 2022
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

In re:) Chapter 11
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS LLC,) Case No. 22-60043
Debtor.)
)

STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER

Free Speech Systems, LLC ("Debtor") initiated the bankruptcy case on July 29, 2022 via the filing of a voluntary chapter 11 petition. Alex E. Jones is the sole member of the Debtor ("Jones"). Melissa Haselden is the duly qualified and acting Subchapter V Trustee (the "Trustee"). PQPR Holdings Limited, LLC asserts a claim secured by substantially all assets of the Debtor ("PQPR"). Neil Heslin, Scarlett Lewis, Leonard Pozner, Veronique De La Rosa, and Marcel Fontaine (the "Texas Plaintiffs") and David Wheeler, Francine Wheeler, Jacqueline Barden, Mark Barden, Nicole Hockley, Ian Hockley, Jennifer Hensel, Donna Soto, Carlee Soto Parisi, Carlos M. Soto, Jillian Soto-Marino, William Aldenberg, William Sherlach, and Robert Parker (the "Connecticut Plaintiffs") (together the "Sandy Hook Families"). The Debtor, Jones, the Trustee, PQPR, and the Sandy Hook Families are referred to as the "Parties".

Upon the request and agreement of the Parties, it is ORDERED THAT.

- 1. Judge Marvin Isgur is appointed as a mediator in this case. At all times in the performance of his mediation duties, Judge Isgur will be acting in his official capacity as a United States Bankruptcy Judge, with all of the privileges and immunities of a United States Bankruptcy Judge.
- 2. The Court adopts Section S of the Procedures for Complex Cases in the Southern District of Texas (Effective August 1, 2021).

- 3. <u>Effects of Mediation on Pending Matters</u>. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the assignment to mediation does not delay or stay discovery, pretrial hearing dates or trial schedules.
- 4. <u>Time and Place of Mediation</u>. The mediator will schedule a time and place for the mediation and any pre-mediation conferences.
- 5. <u>Submission Materials</u>. Each party must submit directly to the mediator such materials (the "Submission") in form and content as the mediator directs. Prior to the mediation, the mediator may talk with the participants to determine what materials would be helpful. The Submission must not be filed with the Court.
- 6. Protection of Information Disclosed at Mediation. The mediator and the participants in mediation are prohibited from divulging, outside of the mediation, any oral or written information disclosed by the parties in the course of the mediation. No person may rely on or introduce as evidence in any arbitral, judicial or other proceeding, evidence pertaining to any aspect of the mediation effort, including but not limited to: (A) views expressed or suggestions made by a party with respect to a possible settlement of the dispute; (B) the fact that another party had or had not indicated willingness to accept a proposal for settlement made by the mediator, (C) proposals made or views expressed by the mediator; (D) statements or admissions made by a party in the course of the mediation; and (E) documents prepared for the purpose of, in the course of, or pursuant to the mediation. Without limiting the foregoing, the parties are bound by (i) FED. R. EVID. 408, and (ii) any applicable federal or state statute, rule, common law or judicial precedent relating to the privileged nature of settlement discussions, mediations or other alternative dispute resolution procedures. Information otherwise discoverable or admissible in evidence does not become exempt from discovery, or inadmissible in evidence, merely by being used by a party in the mediation.

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7. <u>Discovery from Mediator</u>. The mediator may not be compelled to disclose to the

Court or to any person any of the records, reports, summaries, notes, communications or other

documents received or made by the mediator while serving in such capacity. The mediator may

not testify or be compelled to testify regarding the mediation in connection with any arbitral,

judicial or other proceeding. The mediator will not be a necessary party in any proceedings relating

to the mediation. Nothing contained in this paragraph prevents the mediator from reporting (i) the

status, but not the substance, of the mediation effort to the Court; or (ii) whether a party failed to

participate in good faith in the mediation.

8. <u>Protection of Proprietary Information</u>. The parties, the mediator and all mediation

participants shall protect proprietary information.

9. <u>Preservation of Privileges</u>. The disclosure by a party of privileged information to

the mediator does not waive or otherwise adversely affect the privileged nature of the information.

10. <u>Service of Process</u>. No party may be served with a summons, subpoena, notice or

other pleading during the mediation or at the location where the mediation is occurring.

11. At least one representative with full settlement authority for each of Parties shall

attend the mediation to occur with Judge Isgur at a date agreed upon by the Judge Isgur and the

Parties.

12. The scope, location, time and procedures for the mediation will be determined by

Judge Isgur, following such consultation with the Parties as he deems appropriate.

Signed: October 12, 2022

Christopher Lopez

United States Bankruptcy Judge

AGREED

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CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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^ Addresses marked '^' were sent via mandatory electronic bankruptcy noticing pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 9036.

Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Oct 14, 2022:

Recip ID db	+	Recipient Name and Address Free Speech Systems LLC, 3019 Alvin Devane Blvd. STE 300, Austin, TX 78741-7417
aty		Kyung Shik Lee, Shannon & Lee LLP, Pennzoil Place-Suite 1300, HOUSTON, TX 77027, UNITED STATES
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Recip ID	Notice Type: Email Address + Email/PDF: acg.acg.ebn@aisinfo.com	Date/Time	Recipient Name and Address
Ci	Linai/101. acg.acg.cone assino.com	Oct 12 2022 20:16:48	Ally Bank, c/o AIS Portfolio Services, LLC, 4515 N Santa Fe Ave. Dept. APS, Oklahoma City, OK 73118-7901
cr	+ Email/Text: lemaster@slollp.com		
		Oct 12 2022 20:11:00	PQPR Holdings Limited, LLC, c/o Streusand Landon Ozburn & Lemmon LLP, attn: Stephen Lemmon, 1801 S. Mopac Expressway, Suite 320, Austin, TX 78746-9817
cr	^ MEBN		
		Oct 12 2022 20:09:28	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Revenue Acco, Christopher J. Dylla, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548

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BYPASSED RECIPIENTS

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NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Oct 14, 2022	Signature:	/s/Gustava Winters	

CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on October 12, 2022 at the address(es) listed below:

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